

BOON TO MANKIND

Science of Canning Food of Immense Practical Value.

Few Discoveries or Inventions, It is Pointed Out, Have Been of Great Benefit to Humanity.

Though less spectacular, the science of canning was a discovery only equalled in importance by such inventions as the telephone, the wireless and the airplane. When we stop to realize that food, shelter and clothing are man's most vital needs, and what a large proportion of our food is preserved for us today in canned form, we better understand the full significance of this important discovery.

Pickling or drying were the only methods of preserving foods that were known up until about a century ago.

In 1735 the necessities of war prompted the French government to offer a reward of 12,000 francs for a better method of food preservation. The prize was awarded to Nicholas Appert, and his method stands today as the real basis of our present process of canning—namely, hermetic sealing and sterilization by heat.

This discovery has added immensely to the wealth of the world, because it has meant that at times of harvest the surplus crops, which it is impossible to get to market before they spoil, have not had to go to waste, but have been preserved for use at other periods of the year when Nature is producing less and when, but for the science of canning, we would have to subsist on much less attractive fare.

This is conservation in the broadest and most economic sense of the word.

But the process of canning not only benefits the world at large; it has very definite advantages for each of us as individuals. For that notwithstanding of Mr. Average-Man-in-the-Street and his Housewife-in-the-Kitchen, "canning" eliminates the seasons. In effect, it "makes summer last all the year round," and in midwinter brings us the crops of midsummer.

And canning also eliminates space or sectionalism, for those of us who live in the interior may still enjoy oysters, crabs, lobsters and other sea foods whenever we wish; and those of us who live in the eastern states may nevertheless have access to the delicious fruit crops of California and Hawaii. And so on the world over.

The pioneer in Alaska, and miner in the mountains of South America, the explorer in the Antarctic, men and women everywhere on the fringes of civilization, all have at hand—thru the can—the same wholesome appetizing foods that are served to the most exacting guest in an exclusive New York hotel.

Because the science of canning has so done away with time and space—with respect to food—the can has come to be known as a modern genre of the home. The housewife whose pantry shelves are well stocked with canned foods is able to choose her meal from whatever corner of the world her whim suggests.

Sacrifice Worthy of the Name.

The word "sacrifice" gains new meaning when we think of the story that is told about the three hundred children of an Armenian orphanage.

So small amount of food had reached the American relief workers in charge of the orphans that they could give almost nothing even to the three hundred. Each child got only a small piece of bread and a few walnuts twice a day. Of course the food did not nearly satisfy their hunger, but it was enough to keep them alive.

When the children learned that there were hundreds more in the nearby villages who could receive nothing at all they voluntarily gave up the walnuts. Before each meal they dropped their nuts into a sack in one corner of the room, and when it was full some one of them would carry it to the frantic crowd in the street. Could there be a more generous sacrifice than that?—Youth's Companion.

Airplanes' Good Record.

Probably the most remarkable thing about civil aviation in the past year has been that not one passenger has been killed, or even seriously injured, in a British airplane throughout 1921. And this, although during the summer, between 400 and 500 people a week were crossing the channel by air, and although well over 1,000 a week were being taken up for joy rides in this country. For this we have to thank not only the skill of the pilots and airplane mechanics, but the aeronautical inspection department and the controller of aerodromes and licenses, who have made sure that only first-class men and machines have been allowed to carry passengers.—London Opinion.

Easter Egg of Death.

The city of Paris, a few years before the war, presented the late czar of Russia with an Easter egg containing jewels to the value of \$10,000. The same year one of his revolutionary subjects sent him an egg stuffed with dynamite, timed to explode at a certain hour. The weight of the egg aroused suspicion, and a tragedy was averted by the secret police opening the egg and discovering its contents.

Paris Taxes Altitude.

The higher above the pavement Parisians live the higher taxes they pay. In place of the unpopular levy on pianos, the stair carpets and elevators of apartment houses will be taxed. The more stair carpet or elevator you use the more you pay.—Scientific American.

Music on Table Knives.

In the Sixteenth century it was customary to put on one side of the blades of table knives the musical notes of the benediction or grace before meat, and on the other side the grace after meat.

ITHACA

Have you heard of the wonderful Leather Shopping Bags, cretonne lined, that you can buy for 29¢ Saturday? See window display at D. W. Robinson's, Alma.—advertisement.

Forty-one Rebekahs came from North Star Wednesday evening for a joint meeting with the Ithaca lodge. The grand warden of the assembly of Cadillac was a guest. Refreshments were served.

The Business Women's club met Thursday evening with Miss Grace E. Howell at the "Quality Shop" for their regular meeting.

Mrs. Dora Stockman, secretary of Michigan State Grange and member of M. A. C. board, spent a few days the past week with Mrs. M. C. Lake.

The Nisa-Wau-Wau club met Friday evening with Miss Maud Wiltsie.

Election of officers took place.

A. J. Haskell has rented a barber shop at Pompeii and taken possession.

Tuesday evening Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Whitman entertained the booster class of the Baptist Sunday school.

At the annual meeting of the Aid Society in the church parlors of the Baptist church the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Willis Webster; first vice president, Mrs. Floyd Whitman; second vice president, Mrs. Milton Davis; secretary, Mrs. W. M. Weiler; treasurer, Miss Dottie Comstock.

Extraordinary Sale of Silk Taffeta Dresses, worth up to \$37.50, on sale \$19.50. D. W. Robinson, Alma.—advertisement.

About 250 attended the Odd Fellow meeting held in Ithaca the past week. All of the Odd Fellow lodges in the county were represented. Grand Master Elam of Detroit, Grand Secretary Fred Rogers of Lansing, Dr. McLean of Quincy, Past Grand Chaplain and a former pastor of the Ithaca Baptist church were among the number from out of town. Others who took part were C. D. Bardeen, piano solo; address of welcome, Rev. L. L. Dewey; piano solo, Mrs. Paul Kegney; readings, Mrs. Fred Brown. A coffee supper was served by the Rebekahs.

Miss LuLu Bronson made a business trip to Detroit recently going from there to Flint to attend the conference Sunday School convention of the Free Methodist denomination.

The funeral of Mrs. David Graham took place Wednesday afternoon at the home with Rev. C. L. Beebe officiating. Burial was made at Ithaca. Surviving her is the husband and a daughter, Mrs. Eva LeFever of Flint, also three grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Fatigue Special Sale Saturday of 125 Miles inch Flannel Rugs for 25¢ each at D. W. Robinson's, Alma.—advertisement.

Mrs. G. T. Brown attended the past week the annual meeting of the Baptist Woman's Missionary societies held at Battle Creek. While there she was the guest of Rev. and Mrs. Stewart Crandall.

Charles H. Richards, 77, died at his home on South Jefferson St. on Tuesday. Mr. Richards was born in New York state, coming to Michigan when a young man. He had resided in Ithaca 55 years where he has followed the business of a painter. The wife and daughter, Miss Catherine Blecharcyk, survive.

Floyd Cess has returned home from Detroit where he has been taking treatments at a military hospital and will spend some time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cess.

A Japanese tea was given Tuesday evening at the Methodist church under the auspices of the Standard Bearers.

The last Parent-Teachers meeting of the school year was held Tuesday afternoon in the kindergarten room at the school house. The teachers had charge of the program. After the meeting refreshments were served.

SOUTHEAST COE

W. M. Beard and wife and Frank Randolph and wife of Pontiac attended church here Sunday morning and called on friends in the afternoon until Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. John Lemuel is on the sick list and Clara Deppeler of Shepherd is helping her.

Albert Goldstein and family of Alma spent Sunday afternoon and evening with their parents.

Mrs. Byers returned home from Alma Wednesday.

Tom Leonard, wife and granddaughter and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gay spent Sunday afternoon in St. Louis.

CITY COMMISSION

Alma, Mich., May 9, 1922. Regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Alma in session at the Council Chambers on above date.

Meeting called to order at 8 o'clock p. m. by Mayor Charles R. Murphy.

Present—Commissioners Creaser, Glass, Archer and Chick.

Absent—None.

There being a quorum present the Commission was declared in session.

Minutes of the preceding regular meeting were read and approved.

Reading of bills and claims:

Ann Arbor Railway Co. \$ 62.48

Frank Witternft. 10.00

The Western Union Tel Co. 10.37

Union Telephone Co. 19.12

Union Iron Products Co. 17.64

Progress Nursey Co. 186.70

Monroe Cal. Mach. Co. 25.00
Michigan Supply Co. 13.49
Little Rock Coal Co. 84.00
Home Lumine & Fuel Co. 33.17
Gratiot County Oil Co. 8.88
The Daley Feed Store .75
Frank Cross 23.55
Earl C. Clapp 12.23
Cent. Mich. Light & Power 1,143.05
The Barrett Co. 86.79
Barclay Ayers & Bertach Co. 147.36
American Railway Express Co. 3.28
The Alma Record 25.87
H. Veller 26.00
Vic Lowe 21.40
C. Sutton 8.39
W. Wells 2.00
W. Kirby 16.29
C. Williams 21.80
W. Sawden 21.80
C. Bollenbacher 10.32
D. Brundage 8.70
J. Wilson 18.00
B. Jones 18.00
C. Wagner 1.50
C. Myers 15.45
R. Uiley 15.45
M. Mapes 12.45
W. Wheeler 18.03
J. Shong 18.03
P. Jerome 15.45
V. Barnhill 15.45
J. Blanck 15.45
G. Van Norman 15.00
J. Howe 22.75
J. Welz 10.75
O. Dyer 25.75
A. Myers 25.00
F. King 4.25
F. Lewis 18.00
J. Lett 26.00
C. Vine 26.00
R. Schleib 24.00
F. N. Grover 18.00

best sub-served by the placing of the management and control thereof with the Board herebefore in charge of said library.

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved by the city of Alma, that said public library be placed under the management and control of a board of three directors consisting of the board herebefore nominated and appointed by the Civic Improvement League, namely:

Mrs. Mabel B. Glass, chairman; Mrs. Ruth E. Crooks and Mrs. Mary C. Baldwin all citizens and residents of said city, subject to such action as may be hereafter taken by the city commission in regard to said library.

Commissioner Glass supported the above resolution which was passed by a yes and nay vote as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Creaser, Glass, Archer and Chick.

Nays—None.

Communication received from Mr. J. J. McKenzie is read and referred to the library board.

Moved by Commissioner Glass supported by Commissioner Chick that the above appointments made by Mayor Murphy be confirmed.

Ayes—Commissioners Creaser, Glass, Archer and Chick.

The motion prevails.

Commissioner Chick offers the following resolution and moves its adoption:

Whereas, the city manager heretofore, as required by the Charter, submitted and filed with the City Commission an estimate of the expenditures and revenues for the city for the ensuing year which conforms as nearly as may be to the various funds of the city as provided by Section 9 of Chapter XV of the City Charter;

And Whereas, said proposed budget has been duly published in the proceedings of said City Commission, and the public duly advised thereof, all according to said Charter and affidavits of publication of said resolution and notice of hearing being on file with the city clerk;

Now, Therefore, said Commission after such hearing thereon, and due consideration thereof Does Herby Fix the sums to be raised for the various funds of the city during the fiscal year as specified in the City Charter which sums include all moneys authorized to be raised by general taxes as follows: namely,

1. Contingent Fund \$13,500.50

2. Fire Fund 4,500.00

3. General Street Fund 17,500.00

4. General Sewer Fund 4,250.00

5. Bridge Fund 1,000.00

6. Police Fund 8,500.00

7. Water Fund 5,100.00

8. Public Library Fund 3,750.00

9. Cemetery Fund 1,800.00

10. Park Fund 4,500.00

11. Street Lighting Fund 10,000.00

12. Garage Fund 2,200.00

13. Library Fund 4,380.00

14. Interest and Sinking Fund 23,983.50

15. General Fund 16,100.00

Total \$121,000.00

Commissioner Glass supported the above resolution which was passed by a yes and nay vote as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Creaser, Glass, Archer and Chick.

Nays—None.

Moved by Commissioner Chick supported by Commissioner Creaser that the Commission adjourn until 7:30 a.m. Thursday morning May 11, 1922. The motion prevails.

James C. Hayward, Clerk.

Charles R. Murphy, Mayor.

Francis C. Hayward, Clerk.

Ayes—Commissioners Creaser, Glass, Archer and Chick.

Nays—None.

Mayor Murphy makes the following appointments for the ensuing year:

City Manager Wm. E. Reynolds

City Treasurer D. W. Adams

City Attorney W. A. Bahde

City Marshal J. R. Campbell

Constable Otto Hawley

Geo. Hitchman

City Physician Dr. Chas. F. DuBois

City Purchasing Agent W. E. Reynolds

City Engineer and Surveyor W. E. Reynolds

City Inspector Wm. E. Reynolds

Sealer of Weights and Measures W. E. Reynolds

City Engineer and Surveyor W. E. Reynolds

Member of Board of Review for 3 years J. D. Sullivan

Member of Board of Special Assessors for 2 years Mrs. A. Page

Moved by Commissioner Chick supported by Commissioner Glass that the above appointments made by Mayor Murphy be confirmed.

Ayes—Commissioners Creaser, Glass, Archer and Chick.